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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

ATTENTION : Mr. [ ] 25X1A9A

SUBJECT : Patent Infringement

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1. In accordance with the oral understanding between Mr. [ ] 25X1A9A and Mr. [ ] of this staff, this memorandum outlines the type of information requested from your office in connection with our exploration of operational possibilities of suits against Bloc trade fair exhibitors for infringement of patents.

2. A number of items exhibited at recent trade fairs, and offered for sale by the USSR and Satellites, have shown a remarkable similarity to comparable U. S. equipment. If the legal aspects are favorable, it may be possible to inspire suits in the courts of the country in which the items are offered for sale, claiming a patent infringement by a U. S. concern or other company.

3. Of particular concern at the moment is the projected Soviet exhibit at Reyjkavik, Iceland. Since we do not know precisely what items the Soviet Bloc will exhibit, we are not in a position at present to approach any specific U. S. company which may have cause to prosecute for patent infringement.

4. Your advice is requested regarding the existing treaty relations between the U. S. and Iceland with reference to patents, whether or not Iceland accepts the filing of documents with the International patent office in Brussels as sufficient for prosecution in Iceland, and the process by which a U. S. company would bring suit there. Of particular interest are the actions which would have to be taken by a U. S. company, and the mechanical process necessary in order for a U. S. company to bring suit in Iceland.

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5. Mr. [ ] of this staff will discuss this matter further with you at your convenience.

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